

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, September 4, 2003

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 4, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Willie E. Hampton
Arthur Blackwell, II
Erminia Ramirez
Edgar L. Vann, Jr.
Megan P. Norris

Department Personnel Present

Chief Jerry A. Oliver, Sr.
AC Walter E. Shoulders
Cmdr. Leo Powers
Cmdr. Robert Dulap
Cmdr. John Danclovic
Insp. Scott Kohls
Insp. Gail Barnes
Lt. Gregory A. Plummer
Sgt. Debbie Jackson
PO Irvette Reed
Civ. DC Pamela Evans
Civ. Patrice Woodward
Dir. Elise Scott

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supv. Investigator
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Kellie D. Williams

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Walters
Rick Jones
Ben Schmidt
WJR News
Gloria Canales
L. Nathan Ross
Phillip Craccioholo

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hampton called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:20 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• **Thursday, August 28, 2003**

MOTION: Commissioner Norris made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: Commissioner Norris seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Executive Appointments

Chief Jerry A. Oliver, Sr. submitted the following letter of recommendation to the Board of Police Commissioners:

August 27, 2003

Board of Police Commissioners
1300 Beaubien
Rm. 328
Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dear Board Members:

To ensure that the Senior Leadership Team of the Detroit Police Department functions at full capacity, when a vacancy or expected vacancy occurred, I along with the Executive Team of the Detroit Police Department immediately began an assessment of the candidates for the position of Commander and Inspector. The Detroit Police Department has embarked upon a process to build a world-class police department and restore the credibility and prominence that our department once had with our citizens.

Therefore, I am submitting the following for executive appointment to the rank of Commander and Inspector effective September 2, 2003:

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF COMMANDER

Inspector Scott Kohls was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on August 8, 1977, and since that time his exemplary service has been recognized, as he has become one of the most highly decorated officers within the Detroit Police Department. Inspector Kohls' work ethic and dedication are also exemplified by his attendance record and participation in numerous Department activities.

Inspector Kohls' leadership experiences began as a sergeant at the Special Response Team where as a team leader his duties included hostage negotiator, distraction device instructor, rappel master instructor and tactical instructor. He completed over sixty (60) successful missions.

Inspector Kohls was promoted to the rank of lieutenant on October 3, 1995 and assigned to the Gang Enforcement Section. In 1996, he was asked to project manage the Gang Specialist Unit, which was established under the aegis of the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

In May 1999, he was promoted to the rank of Inspector and was responsible for managing vehicular and pedestrian traffic throughout the Downtown including all major venues as well as all the festivals. Currently, he is assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Organized Crime and Gang Division.

Inspector Kohls' education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Detroit Mercy, a Master of Science degree in Security Administration, also from the University of Detroit Mercy. He is a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Police Staff and Command.

Inspector Kohls' leadership and law enforcement skills have been recognized by various Departmental awards and he has been honored with numerous Chief's Merit and Unit awards, Departmental Citations, Life Saving Citations, as well as receiving one of the Detroit Police Department's highest honors, the Medal of Valor.

MOTION: Commissioner Norris made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF INSPECTOR

Lieutenant Gregory A. Plummer was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on April 18, 1974. After completion of the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the Tenth Precinct. During his tenure as a police officer, Lieutenant Plummer worked numerous assignments such as the 2nd, 10th, and 14th Precincts, Special Crimes Section and the Internal Affairs Section.

Lieutenant Plummer was appointed to the rank of sergeant on August 18, 1988. As a sergeant he worked at the Law Department and the Executive Protection Unit. Lieutenant Plummer was then promoted to the rank of lieutenant on August 19, 1999. He was assigned to the Eighth Precinct, Community Relations Unit, where over the past four years he's been very instrumental in many community functions.

Lieutenant Plummer is active in the Northwest Detroit Weed and Seed Programs, in which he serves as the second chairperson and currently is active in the Project Safe Neighborhood Initiative.

Both candidates have proven to be dedicated to the Detroit Police Department's mission and to the citizens of the city of Detroit. Therefore, I am asking your concurrence in these executive appointments to the rank of Commander and Inspector.

MOTION: Commissioner Vann made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

/s/**JERRY A. OLIVER, SR.**
Chief of Police

JAO/SFF/mm

Resolutions

**RESOLUTION HONORING
DEPUTY CHIEF BRYAN TURNBULL**

- WHEREAS** Bryan Turnbull was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on March 6, 1972, after completing three (3) years of military service; and
- WHEREAS** Upon graduation from the Detroit Police Academy, Officer Turnbull was assigned to the Tactical Mobile Unit. His other assignments included the First Precinct and Western Operations; and
- WHEREAS** On January 20, 1983, Officer Turnbull was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and transferred to the Fourteenth Precinct Investigative Operations Section. In March and May 1986, Sgt. Turnbull returned to assignments respectively at Western Operations and the Fourteenth (Second) Precinct; and
- WHEREAS** Sgt. Turnbull was promoted to Lieutenant on September 25, 1986 and was assigned to the Fourth Precinct until his transfer in April 1989 to the Narcotics Enforcement Section; and
- WHEREAS** On August 26, 1994, Lt. Turnbull was appointed to the rank of Inspector and remained at the Narcotics Enforcement Section. After a stint with the Narcotics Enforcement Division, Inspector Turnbull returned to the Narcotics Enforcement Section where he worked until September 7, 1998 when he transferred to the Eighth Precinct; and
- WHEREAS** Inspector Turnbull was promoted to Commander on January 22, 1999 and continued at the Eighth Precinct where he faithfully served the community, citizens and business owners alike; and
- WHEREAS** Commander Turnbull was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief on July 21, 2002 and assigned to the Customer Service Zone – East where he served until his retirement on August 5, 2003; and

WHEREAS Deputy Chief Turnbull recognized the importance of education, having received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree from Wayne State University. He is also a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Police Staff and Command; and

WHEREAS Deputy Chief Turnbull shared his knowledge of and expertise in law enforcement through his participation on various Department committees and projects, including the Honor Board, National Drug Control Policy, Fugitive Apprehension Sub-Committee, False Alarms Project, and Secondary Employment Committee; and

WHEREAS During his 31 years of exemplary service, Deputy Chief Turnbull was the recipient of (15) Citations, (5) Chief's Unit Awards, (5) Chief's Merit Awards, (3) Perfect Attendance Awards, and the 1980 GOP Commemorative Award. He also received numerous letters of appreciation and commendations from citizens, community organizations and committees on which he served, such as the City-Wide Community Council, Boys' Club, 8 Mile Boulevard Association and Safe Neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledge the integrity and honesty of Deputy Chief Turnbull. A consummate law enforcement professional and committed public servant whose 31 years of selfless service merit our highest regard and best wishes for continued success.

We salute and congratulate you, Bryan Turnbull.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Willie Hampton
Chairperson

/s/Arthur Blackwell
Vice Chairperson

/s/Megan P. Norris
Commissioner

/s/Edgar L. Vann, Jr.
Commissioner

/s/Erminia Ramirez
Commissioner

MOTION: Commissioner Norris made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION HONORING
POLICE OFFICER GERALD L. PACKARD**

WHEREAS On July 8, 2003, Police Officer Gerald Packard, of the Central Services Bureau, retired from the Detroit Police Department after twenty-eight (28) years of exemplary service to the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Gerald Packard was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on March 8, 1971, and upon graduation from the Detroit Police Academy, he was assigned to the Tactical Mobile Unit; and

WHEREAS Police Officer Packard's various assignments with the department included: Thirteenth Precinct, Major Crime Mobile Unit, Homicide Section, Fourth Precinct, and the Violent Crimes Task Force, where he remained until his retirement.

WHEREAS Police Officer Packard was the first officer on the Detroit Police Department to implement a database on street gangs; and

WHEREAS With his knowledge and expertise on street gangs, Officer Packard worked closely with various federal law enforcement agencies in dismantling several violent gang organizations; and

WHEREAS During his career with the department, Officer Packard received numerous awards: one (1) Departmental Citation, one (1) Lifesaving Citation, one (1) Chamber of Commerce Service Award, eleven (11) Citations, two (2) Chief's Merit Awards, two (2) Chief's Unit Awards, two (2) Perfect

Attendance Awards, one (1) 1980 GOP Commemorative Award, and numerous letters of appreciation from organizations and citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED

That the Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledge that Police Officer Gerald Packard has served the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department with loyalty, professionalism, integrity, and dedication for twenty-eight (28) years. Police Officer Packard's actions were in accordance with the highest standards and traditions of the Detroit Police Department.

We salute and congratulate you, Police Officer Gerald Packard.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Willie Hampton
Chairperson

/s/Arthur Blackwell
Vice Chairperson

/s/Megan P. Norris
Commissioner

/s/Edgar L. Vann, Jr.
Commissioner

/s/Erminia Ramirez
Commissioner

MOTION: Commissioner Norris made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. SECRETARY REPORT – EX. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

This Week

Year to Date

Weekly Count of Complaints:	24	816
Weekly Count of Allegations:	33	1,680
Arrest	2	72
Demeanor	12	535
Entry	0	28
Force	2	132
Harassment	1	59
Procedure	9	577
Property	0	77
Search	1	48
Service	6	151

Pending Cases

As of July 23, 2003, the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) has a total of **674 pending cases**, which include **165 cases** with an age of 0-45 days, **84 cases** with an age of 46-60 days, **112 cases** with an age of 61-90 days, and **101 cases** with an age of 91-120 days, **158 cases** with an age of 121 days – 6 months, and **54 cases** with an age of 7-9 months.

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During the past week: 29

Year to Date: 740

5. CHIEF'S REPORT

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT **MIND'N OUR BUSINESS**

Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department's mission is building a safer Detroit through community partnerships. Therefore, the following enforcement actions were conducted during the week of August 27th-September 2nd, 2003:

ORGANIZED CRIME AND GANG DIVISION

The Conspiracy Intelligence, South-East, North-West and Vice Sections conducted two enforcement actions that resulted in (5) felony arrests. These enforcement actions resulted in the confiscation of 11 grams of marijuana, 145 grams of cocaine, and 50 grams heroin for a combined street value of \$148,044.00, \$4,136.00 in U.S. currency, and (4) guns were confiscated from these enforcement actions.

FIFTH PRECINCT

On August 31, and September 1, 2003, the Fifth Precinct hosted their 39th Annual Debates-Devos Memorial Bicycle Race with Windsor, Ontario. The race was a two-day event, which took place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. There were over 300 bicyclists in attendance from all over the United States and Canada. The event was deemed a success.

SIXTH PRECINCT

On August 27, 2003, officers of the Sixth Precinct responded to a police run in the 9500 block of Piedmont on a "Home Invasion 2 in Progress." Upon arrival at the location, the officers spoke with neighbors that stated unknown males forced entry into the location and are believed to still be inside. The officers entered the dwelling and upon further investigation found two males hiding in a closet. The subjects were both arrested and conveyed to the Sixth Precinct without incident.

Chief of Police Jerry A. Oliver, Sr.

6. PRESENTATION – HONORS AWARD BOARD

Cmdr. John Danclovic from the Internal Controls Section gave the following presentation:

(See Attached)

Questions & Answers

Comm. Norris asked just looking at the numbers is there some hierarchy of awards?

Cmdr. Danclovic stated yes, they are broken down as far as the awards themselves. For example, the commendations could be presented at the command level includes citations, departmental citations and medals for valor. Anything above a department citation goes to a special Honor Award Board that awards that and then the appropriate award is granted.

Comm. Norris asked is it anticipated that some of those might be recognized at some of our meetings?

Cmdr. Danclovic stated yes, it is very possible. The Chief has indicated that he wants those at this type of forums.

Comm. Norris stated I think that would be great because we do disciplines and things, so it would be nice to do...

Cmdr. Danclovic stated there are tremendous amounts of (inaudible) sworn and civilian are doing on a day to day basis.

Comm. Ramirez stated you might want to present them at the community meetings because I think the residents need to know what officers are receiving awards in their community.

Cmdr. Danclovic stated that has been done in the past, but we are trying to do more of those in the future so that they could be recognized by their family, communities and citizens.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Vann asked Chief Oliver what is the current status of the DOJ Consent Decree because the Board is not being kept in the loop or being updated in regards to this issue? He also asked how are we (the Board) supposed to be engaged in this process?

Chief Oliver stated the process will be a monthly process. The monitor has scheduled what she calls the all parties' briefings once a month, the first one would come up on September 17, 2003. She will led the discussion on this date from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., it will be held at the WCCC (Downtown Campus) in the Multipurpose Room, where we have our Roundtable Meetings in once a week. All employees, Council Members, DOJ, the Court, the Board, and the Police Department will all be involved in a once a month report. After that meeting, DC Cara Best will be available to answer or clarify any questions that you may have.

Comm. Norris asked could you describe the setup and who the representatives are?

Chief Oliver stated that group is being called the Compliance Resource Group. Basically, HR, Finance, Health, and Fire Department. No one from City Council and the Board have been appointed because of the working group nature.

Comm. Norris stated as you know Los Angeles had two representatives from the Police Commission. They had one from the Board standpoint, who was a person that facilitated getting polices passed. The other was a person who could be from OCI, who is one of the groups in charge of making changes. I know that when we were in LA they talked about having a similar setup. The big part of the Consent Decree includes OCI issues and virtually everything in the Consent Decree includes either the Open Meetings Act for the Board.

Chief Oliver stated this is an outside of the department arrangement. I know that our structure here in Detroit is a little bit different. I think the appointments to this oversight have been seen not as an oversight group, but as a compliance research group that supports DC Bests operations.

Comm. Norris asked once everything is up and running, could we have DC Cara Best give us a presentation?

Chief Oliver stated we plan to have DC Cara Best do that.

Comm. Ramirez stated because of the DOJ Consent Decree, OCI will be affected a lot, we still have an acting Chief Investigator. I would like to put a motion out to do a national search for a Chief Investigator.

Comm. Norris stated since you and Comm. Blackwell are on the Personnel Committee then you could decide how you want to handle this matter and then we could take action on a later date.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Philip Craccioholo asked if anyone knew anything about a stolen radioactive black box that was found on a construction zone? He asked are you aware of that situation?

Chief Oliver stated no, I am not aware of that situation. I am in constant communication with Shelby Slater and we have Homeland Security taking security measures.

Ms. Walters stated we need to educate the young people in the community so that they would know how to act in public places.

L. Nathan Ross asked does Sheryl Robinson have a phone number or voicemail so that I could reach her.

Chief Oliver stated we could get you her phone number and email address.

Chairperson Hampton stated Organized Labor is celebrating Labor Heritage on Saturday, September 13, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. at Ford Field all is invited, there will be a Marching Band Competition, food, games and etc. I would like to encourage everyone to join us.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 11, 2003 @ 3:00 p.m.
Christ the King Activities Center
20800 Grand River
Detroit, Michigan 48219

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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